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SUBJECT: YOUTH PARA

REF: (A) STATE 70302 (B) BEIRUT A-91

1. FOLLOWING CONSTITUTES POST'S INPUT TO YOUTH PARA, RESPONSES
KEYED TO REFTEL A. NARRATIVE PORTIONS PRESUPPOSE CAREFUL READ-
ING REFAIR B, WHICH DISCUSSES INCREASING YOUTH ANTAGONISM
TOWARDS USG. REPLY DELAYED BY INOPPORTUNE OUTBREAK OF HOS-
TILITIES.

IA: YOUTH CATEGORIES (PERCENT)

14	YOUNG POLITICAL LEADERS
13	YOUNG MILITARY OFFICERS
10	YOUTH LEADERSHIP AMONG DISSIDENT MOVEMENTS
7	UNIVERSITY STUDENT LEADERS
6	YOUNG BUREAUCRATS
5	YOUNG LABOR LEADERS
12	YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN: EDUCATION
10	LAW
8	MEDIA
6	RELIGIONS
5	MEDICINE
4	ARTS AND LETTERS

IB: RATIONALE: PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWN CALCULATED ON BASIS
OF BACKGROUND CURRENT PARLIAMENTARY AND GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS,
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PLUS THAT OF PRIVATE PERSONAGES EXERTING DIRECT OR OBLIQUE INFLUENCE ON GOL. ALSO, WE ARE FACTORING IN THOSE ELEMENTS WHICH WE THINK LIABLE TO EXERT SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE ON LEBANESE SOCIO- POLITICAL SYSTEM WHICH BEGINNING TO CHANGE MORE RAPIDLY. BARRING RADICAL REVOLUTION BASIC PROFESSION- EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND OF LEADERSHIP LIKELY TO CHANGE SLOWLY, BUT INCREASING CHANGES BENEATH SURFACE CANNOT BE IGNORED E. G., DECLINE OF LANDOWNERSHIP AS PRIMARY QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE, APPEAL OF YOUTH, ETC. MANY POTENTIAL LEADERS FALL UNDER MORE THAN ONE RUBRIC, AND MOST COMMON KEY TO " ESTABLISHMENT" LEADERSHIP POSITIONS LIKELY TO REMAIN FOR SOME YEARS TO COME THAT OF FAMILY AND CONFESSIONAL AFFILIATION.

LEBANON HAS LARGE RESERVOIR WELL EDUCATED, FREQUENTLY WELL TRAINED PEOPLE, CAPABLE OF AND WILLING TO ASSUME MINISTERIAL OR SUB- CABINET POSITIONS, BUT FACTORS OTHER THAN TALENT DETERMINE SUITABILITY AT A GIVEN MOMENT. BUSINESSMEN TEND TO ESCHEW POLITICS UNTIL AFTER HAVING SUCCEEDED IN INITIAL CAREER-- AND PASSED BEYOND YOUTH. YOUNG DISSIDENTS ARE INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT FACTOR, BUT USG ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE THEM DIRECTLY VERY DIFFICULT AND LIKELY TO BE COUNTER- PRODUCTIVE SL LONG AS USG POLICY RE ARAB- ISRAEL DISPUTE REMAINS UNCHANGED.

IIA OBJECTIVES (PERCENT)

- 20 ENCOURAGE PRAGMATIC, NON- IDEOLOGICAL APPROACHES TO NATIONAL PROBLEMS
- 20 MAINTAIN CLIMATE CONDUCIVE TO US TRADE AND INVESTMENT
- 20 CREATE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARDS US
- 15 ASSURE ACCESS TVFUTURE LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOP INFLUENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH LEADERS OF POLITICALLY AWARE YOUTH
- 15 UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW INCIPIENT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL TRENDS (FROM YOUTH POINT OF VIEW)
- 10 PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING BROAD US GOALS AND POLICIES

IIB REFAIR B EXAMINES YOUTH' S INCREASINGLY RADICAL OUTLOOK, BESIDES WHICH OTHER YOUTH FACTORS SHRINK IN URGENCY. GOL REMAINING BASICALLY FRIENDLY TOWARDS USG, AND LEADERSHIP ACCESSIBLE ALTHOUGH NOT MALLEABLE. CAO NOTES INCREASED ACCEPTANCE BY YOUTH OF NON- POLITICAL PROGRAMS, BUT CONTINUED OPPOSITION TO USG POLICIES RE ME. INCREASINGLY LARGE PORTION OF PRESENTLY OR POTENTIALLY INFLUENTIAL YOUTH UNWILLING TO ACCEPT PLACEBOS, CONFIDENTIAL

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DEMANDING SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN US POLICY AS PRECONDITION TO POLITICAL DIALOGUE WITH US.

III A RD974:3 (PERCENT)

- 35 USIA CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMMING

5 CU FULL YEAR ACADEMIC GRANTS TO AMERICAN PROFESSORS
(LECTURING)
5 CU FULL YEAR ACADEMIC GRANTS TO LEBANESE STUDENTS
25 AID FULL YEAR ACADEMIC GRANTS TO LEBANESE STUDENTS
(SEE IIIB)
15 MILITARY TRAINING AND ORIENTATION PROGRAMS
5 CU SHORT- TERM AMERICAN GRANTEES
5 CU INTERNATIONAL VISITOR TRAVEL GRANTS
5 TEENAGE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS
FIGURES EXCLUSIVE OF DIRECT AID TO AUB (SEE III B)

III B MOST IMPORTANT LARGE IMPACT PRIVATE SECTOR RESOURCE IS AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT (AUB), WHICH RECEIVES ABOUT DOLS SIX MILLION ANNUALLY UNDER SEC. 214 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT TO COVER BUDGET DFICIT. AID REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM SUPPORTS 66 LEBANESE STUDENTS, PART OF LARGER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PRESENTLY HELPING 475 STUDENTS FROM 15 NEA COUNTRIES AT AUB (COST: DOLS 2.5 MILLION). OVERALL IMPACT OF AMERICAN- PATTERNED,- ADMINISTERED, AND, IN PART, - STAFFED UNIVERSITY HIGHLY FAVORABLE IN THAT STUDENTS ARE BETTER ABLE TO UNDERSTAND HOW AMERICANS THINK AND HOW AMERICAN SYSTEM WORKS, AS WELL AS LEARNING ABOUT ASPECTS OF US ASIDE FROM FOREIGN POLICY. THIS SOMEWHAT OFFSET BY ATTACKS ON AUB BY LEFT- WING STUDENTS AND POLITICAL GROUPS AS OUTPOST OF AMERICAN CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC IMPERIALISM. FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AT AUB PROVIDES FORUM FROM WHICH RADICALIZED YOUTH (A MINORITY) LAMBAST USG AS WELL AS SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION.

III C NO PC IN LEBANON
IV A HIGH
IV B SEE REFAIR (B)
IV C 1 (A) 14 PERCENT; 42 MAN MONTHS PER YEAR, THESE FIGURES EXCLUSIVE OF TIME DEVOTED TO YOUTH IN SUCH AREAS AS VISA ISSUANCE AND TRADE PROMOTION.
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IV C 1 (B) ALLOCATION OF EFFORT (PERCENT)
45 CONTACT WORK
45 PROGRAM WORK
10 REPORTING AND OTHER

IV C 1 (C) PERSONNEL TIME BY AGENCIES (PERCENT)
28 STATE
28 USIA
28 AID
16 DOD

IV C 2 BUDGET (PERCENT)
100 AID

80 CU
50 USIA
90 MAP

NOTE : AID BUDGET IS ENTIRELY THAT PORTION OF REGIONAL ALLOCATION
GRANTED LEBANESE STUDENTS.
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